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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TRSAR ET AL

Examiner

Mohamed Charioui

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,12-16,19-23,26-29 and 39-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6-9,12-16,19-23,26-29 and 38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 39-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 October 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. Applicant cancelled claims 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 30-37.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 5, 39, 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schaeffer et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0107641).

Schaeffer et al. teach collecting data related to effective fixes corresponding to various symptoms from a plurality of patient diagnostic systems via a data transmission network (see paragraphs [0048]; [0050]; and [0068]); accumulating a number of each effective fix corresponding to each of the various symptoms (see paragraph [0059]); and assigning at least one effective fix to one of the various symptoms based on a result of the accumulating step (see paragraph [0060]).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-29 and 38** are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests accessing a validation result of validated fixes corresponding to each of the various symptoms, wherein the validation result is generated by performing a validation process to screen out invalid fixes from the collected data; and assigning at least one effective fix to one of the various symptoms based on an accumulated number of each of the validated fixes corresponding to the one of the various symptoms, in combination with the rest of the claim limitations.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5 and 39-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Prior art

5. The prior art made record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Malhotra et al. [417] disclose system and method for remote performance analysis and optimization of computer systems.

Brown ['409] disclose remote health monitoring and maintenance system.

Contact information

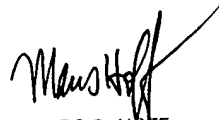
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohamed Charioui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2213. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S Hoff can be reached on (571) 272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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